1	2	3	4
	2.	Salugara	Darjeeling
	3.	Benachitty	Burdwan
CDOT RSU			
	1.	Malancha	Midnapur
P1OR RLU			
	1.	Kulti	Burdwan

[Translation]

Subsidy on Wheat, Rice And Sugar

2443. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL GODHA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government provide subsidy to the Food Corporation of India for making available wheat, rice and sugar to the consumers at fair price;

(b) if so, the amount provided during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether there has been any changes in sale and purchase price of the Corporation from time to time during the said years; and

(d) if so, the details of the sale and purchase price during the above years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. While subsidy is not released State/UT-wise, the following amounts were released to the FCI on this account :-

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Year	Subsidy released		
	Foodgrains	Sugar	Total
1993-94	5537		5537
1994-95	4509	591	5100
1995-96 (Prov.)	4960	382	5342

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The details are given in attached statements I,II and III

STATEMENT-I

Central Issue prices of wheat, rice and sugar during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Issue Price : Rs per quintal

Year	Wheat	Rice			Sugar
		Common	Fine	Superfine	
1993-94	330	437	497	518	830
1994-95	402	537	617	648	905
(1.2.94 w.e.f.)	402	537	617	648	905

In respect of ITDP/RPDS issues, issue prices of wheat and rice are Rs.50/- per quintal less.

STATEMENT-II

Statement of Procurement Price of Wheat Levy rice and Paddy Fixed by the Government of India for the Years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

I. Procurement Prices of Rice

	Name of State		(Rate in Rs./Qtl.)		
			1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
	1		2	3	4
1.	Punjab	Common	533.40	582.55	626.40
		Fine	582.90	633.40	651.10
		Superfine	620.90	671.85	684.00
2.	Haryana	Common	529.20	579.80	620.20
		Fine	578.25	630.30	644.60
		Superfine	616.00	668.50	677.15

1			2	3	4
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Common	501.45	558.85	600.90
		Fine	531.75	589.85	624.50
		Superfine	574.75	634.75	656.00
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Common	518.90	565.45	596.30
		Fine	550.40	596.95	619.90
		Superfine	581.90	628.45	851.20
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Common	512.85	546.05	574.90
		Fine	543.95	576.40	597.50
		Superfine	575.10	606.75	627.60
6.	Orissa	Common	528.80	576.15	601.70
		Fine	560.90	608.30	625.50
		Superfine	593.05	640.40	657.10
7.	Assam	Common	514.70	545.25	585.60
		Fine	554.30	584.30	608.70
		Superfine	586.00	615.10	639.40
8.	West Bengal	Common	488.25	531.95	569.50
		Fine	530.90	575.55	591.90
		Superfine	561.20	605.85	621.70
9.	Maharashtra	Common	501.65	546.30	576.10
		Fine	531.90	576.60	598.70
		Superfine	562.20	606.85	628.80
10.	Gujarat	Common	484.45	Not Fixed	Not Fixed
		Fine	513.80	-	-
		Superfine	543.15	-	-
11.	U.T. of Chandigarh	Common	524.25	566.35	609.00
		Fine	572.90	615.70	632.90
		Superfine	610.25	653.05	664.90
12.	U.T. of Pondicherry	Common	489.05	Not Fixed	Not fixed
		Fine	518.70	-	-
		Superfine	548.30	-	-
13.	Delhi	Common	529.20	553.85	620.20
		Fine	578.25	602.05	644.60
		Superfine	616.00	638.50	677.15
14.	Bihar	Common	500.20	Not fixed	Not fixed
		Fine	535.90	-	-
		Superfine	566.50	-	-
15.	Karnataka	Common	494.05	538.35	580.20
		Fine	524.00	568.25	603.10
		Superfine	553.95	598.20	633.50
16.	Rajasthan	Common	521.30	566.15	609.00
		Fine	565.35	611.10	633.00
		Superfine	606.75	653.10	665.00
17.	Tamilnadu	Comon	489.05	-	Not fixed
		Fine	518.70	-	-
		Superfine	548.30	-	-
II. Procurement Prices of Paddy					
All States/UT's		Common	310.00	340.00	360.00
		Fine	330.00	360.00	375.00
		Superfine	350.00	380.00	395.00
III. Procurement Prices of Wheat					
All States/UT's			330.00	350.00	360.00

STATEMENT-III

The ex-factory price of levy sugar is determined on the basis of the Statutory Minimum Price payable for sugarcane and conversion cost, etc. The Country has been divided into twenty zones based on agro-climatic conditions and each zone has a different ex-factory levy sugar price (notified annually under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955)

The range of ex-factory prices (wagon delivery) yearwise are as follows :

S.No.	Sugar year* 1st Oct.- 30th Sept.	Ex factory price (Rs. per Quintal)
1.	1993-94	651.55-902.13
2.	1994-95	748.25-943.82
3.	1995-96	825.81-1041.45

Development of Buddhist Pilgrimage Places

2444. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to develop Buddhist pilgrimage places in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is also a proposal for development of Kushinagar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (e). The Government has entered into a soft loan agreement with Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan in December, 1988 for the development of infrastructural facilities along the identified Buddhist travel circuits in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The financial assitance is to the tune of 7.76 billion Japanese Yen.

The places identified in Uttar Pradesh are Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piorahwa and Sravasti. The major components of the project are strengthening of National and State Highways, improvement of local roads, landscaping, augmentation of water and electricity supply and setting up of wayside amenities.

The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 12.25 lakhs to make a Restaurant-cum-waiting hall in Kushinagar during 1994-95. Besides, U.P. Airways has indicated Kushinagar as one of the centres for connecting the Buddhist circuit.

Non-Basmati Rice

2445. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether non-basmati rice of lower quality used to be sold at lower price in the international market due to low prices in the country;

(b) if not, whether the prices of such rice were increased in the country whereas the competitive rice exporting countries have reduced the price of their rice in international market during the past years;

(c) if so, whether the target set for export of rice during 1995-96 has been achieved;

(d) if so, the total quantity of rice exported; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) It is not possible to accurately compare the prices prevailing in the international and domestic markets on account of different varieties traded, variations in quality, and additional expenditure incurred in grading and packaging for exports.

(b) As per the EXIM policy, non-basmati rice can be exported freely without any quantitative ceilings and minimum export price restrictions. So far the sale of fine and superfine rice by FCI for export is concerned, it was revised from time to time on the basis of the recommendations of the High Level Committee. The export sale price was last revised with effect from 1.7.96 as under :-

Fine/Superfine Rice		
Punjab	-	Rs.7350 per tonne.
Haryana	-	Rs7300 per tonne
Western U.P.	-	Rs7200 per tonne
Madhya Pradesh	-	Rs.7450 per tonne.

(c) to (e). By exporting about 55 lakh tonnes of rice during 1995-96, India became the second largest exporter in the world. Export of rice from the country during 1994-95 was only 8.9 lakh MTs.

Haj Flights

2446. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state : (a) whether the Government propose to provide extra flights for Haj-Pilgrimage;

(b) if so, the number of flights being arranged this year;

(c) whether concession is also provided in such flights for Haj-Piligrimage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?